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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Sat – 5:30 pm Sun - 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm & Fri 12 pm

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Mulberry Street, Stonefort, IL – 62987

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.

& First Saturday – 8:30 am

Parish Council Chair: Mary Treat

Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

The Love of the Lord In the [Gospel Reading](#), Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude: you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you do, you will lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is, honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?

The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord. Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More than that, if when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her.

And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a distance from the Lord, because the Lord cares about each one of his people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord.

And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 18 # 27 **13th Sunday of the Year, July 2, 2017**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Sun	July	2	8:00 am	SFD	Bill McCabe
			10:00 am	SP	John Felcyn
Tue	July	4	9, 11 am	DOC Masses No Service	
Wed	July	5	6:30 pm	SP	No Service
Fri	July	7	12:00 pm	SP	No Service
Sat	July	8	5:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun	July	9	8:00 am	SFD	Rev Vito Lepardo
			10:00 am	SP	For the Parishioners

St Paul, Vienna

Birthdays:	
Jul 2	Russell Drone Colin Stone
Jul 4	Karen Cole Sheila Maier
Jul 5	Mitch Miller
Jul 7	Madeline Palmer
Jul 9	Logan Shaw

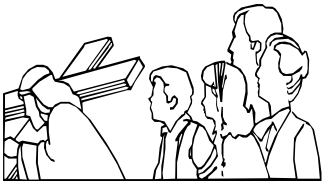
<p>Sun, Jul 2, 10 am Server: A Webb, B Bertran Lector: Joe Nelson Gifts: Harry, Xenia Gruszczuk Ushers: Z Garrett, D. Bishop M McMahan, S Widowski E. Minister K. Felcyn F. Dueker, V. Anderson Greeter: Janet Hacker</p>	<p>Sun, Jul 9, 10 am Server: R. Slife, J. Bayles Lector: Sarah Nelson Gifts: J. Hacker, D Hopkins Ushers: M Palmer, Mt Slife J. Bergmann, F. Dueker E. Minister S. Belske D. Hopkins, S. Moore Greeter: Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p>Sun, July 16, 10 am Server: B. Bertran, A Webb Lector: Steve Widowski Gifts: Steve, Kathy Hupe Ushers: S. Hupe, J Nelson G Tesina, K. Felcyn E. Minister L Stoerger P Widowski, S Nelson Greeter: Marc, Beth Palmer</p>
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St Francis DeSales, Stonefort

<p>Sun, July 2: 8 am Server: Mary Treat Lector: Christine Deaton Gifts: L Herbert, R Drone Usher: Stan Treat E. Min: Cecilia Parks</p>	<p>Sun, July 9: 8:00 am Server: Cecilia Parks Lector: Marietta Moore Gifts: M. Cole, R. Drone Usher: Fred Deaton E. Min: Christine Deaton</p>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sat Jul 1	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 2	Peter Pence/Holy Father Collection	
	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass.....	10:00 am
	1 st Sunday Social at SP.....	11:00 am
Mon Jul 3	Fr Tom on vacation	
Tue Jul 4	Independence Day	
Wed Jul 5	No Weekday Mass... ..	6:30 pm
Fri Jul 7	No Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
Sat Jul 8	Carmelite Mission Appeal for Madagascar at masses	
	St Paul Mass.....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 9	St Francis DeSales Mass	8:00 am
	St Paul Mass.....	10:00 am



NEW SP LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for July and August are available on the bulletin rack.. also **WORDS OF GRACE** daily scripture reflection booklets for July-Sept are available in the church entrance this weekend.

PETER'S PENCE This follow up weekend there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence or see insert in bulletin.

FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS you may contact 618-759-1707.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF PARISH! We are planning a Saturday afternoon outing on July 15 to Cobden, IL. We'll begin with an 11:00 am lunch at the Yellow Moon. Then you're on your own to explore Cobden's unique shops and/or the Union County Historical Museum within walking distance from the restaurant. We need a head count for lunch, so please sign up in the foyer and indicate if you would like to carpool from St Paul church at 10:15 am.

PARISH DAY AT MINERS BASEBALL GAME (Marion) on Fri, July 28 7:05 pm for St Paul and St Francis DeSales. If we can get 15 or more to attend, there is your choice of \$4 tickets in grassy picnic area or \$7 for stadium seats. A children fun zone and mini golf are available for an additional cost of \$3 per person for fun zone or golf. **R.S.V.P Cathy Kruep by July 5** to get group discount (618-304-4841 or cathykruep@yahoo.com).

MISSION COOP APPEAL We welcome Fr.Thekkudan Johnson, C.M.I., a Carmelite missionary Priest, to our parish this weekend of July 8 and 9. He is preaching at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of Carmelites Mission in Madagascar. They need our special support for the training of seminarians and other social projects. There will be a second collection to help the missionary activities of the Carmelites. Please keep Fr.Johnson and Carmelite missionaries in your prayers. An envelope is included in this weekend's bulletin. Make out checks to St Paul Church with notation Madagascar Mission.

VOCATION CORNER This holiday weekend we mark another anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. "On the 51st anniversary, Charles Carroll, the only Catholic to have signed the Declaration and the last surviving signer, said, "God grant that this religious liberty may be preserved in these States to the end of time, and that all believing in the religion of Christ may practice the leading principle of charity, the basis of every virtue." Today is a time for choosing how we will keep faith with the great accomplishments of our Catholic forebears as we seek to make our own contributions. If we or someone in your family is called by the Holy Spirit to a religious vocation we should encourage and accept this challenge as we are all endowed by our Creator with life and liberty. *Vivat Jesus!*" **COLUMBIA, "CULTURE OF LIFE", OCT. 2015, PG. 47.**

Death of Ron Case-former member of St Paul, died June 28th. Visitation will be July 2, 5-7 pm at Blue FH, Broadway in Goreville. Funeral 10 am at St Joseph Church, Marion IL.

13th Sunday of the Year

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4;8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Human judgment about the value of an individual is not necessarily God's judgment. Sometimes we look at others in terms of what they have accomplished or in terms of what they are able to accomplish for us. Today's Scripture readings give a different measure, a measure of divine priorities.

Elisha was a prophet in the ninth century B.C. The wealthy woman from the town of Shunem in the northern kingdom of Israel discovers more than a great personality in Elisha. She describes him to her husband as a holy man of God. She sees beyond externals to detect the presence of God. The guest room symbolizes this perception. Elisha is God's emissary and so is worthy of respect and charity.

Paul emphasizes the transformation experience of death and resurrection. Through baptism, the Christian dies with Christ and is buried with him. The Christian also shares in Jesus' Resurrection, since, as a result, the Christian is called upon to live a new life. At the same time the Christian looks forward to the Parousia, the Second Coming. For Paul this transformation means that the person is nothing less than a new creation. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.) All distinctions based on race, social status, and sex are leveled. (See Galatians 3:27-28.) To appraise a Christian is to measure that person's overwhelming dignity. God is the measure of values.

Matthew concludes his missionary discourse by lining up the members of his community: apostles, prophets, holy people, and lowly ones. To accept any one of these is to accept Jesus. Their value derives from Jesus. Thus, even a glass of cold water has great value because the giver recognizes the dignity of the person.

The emancipation proclamation of Paul is challenging. We must not evaluate people on the basis of ethnic origin, social status, or gender. The nondiscriminatory message of Matthew's Jesus may upset us. The modern versions of "lowly ones" are not always high on our list of preferred associates. Our God's criteria for value must be our measure, a message as revolutionary today as it was in Jesus' time.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

If prophets speak to transform society in some way, Is there some corner of your world you can change for the better? If you feel inadequate about transforming society as a whole, is there anything in the readings that tells you it is all right to start small?

Think of ways God might use you if your attitude is Christ's and you put yourself at the disposal of God's saving work in the world?

Who is blessed, the one who gives the help or the one who receives it? Are you always the giver or do you need to receive at times?

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES: 14th SUNDAY OF YEAR Zachariah 9:9-10; Ps 145; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30